

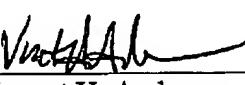
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that claims 6, 10-11, and 15-17 be canceled herein. Furthermore, claims 1-5, 7, and 12-14 are amended herein. The claim amendments have been made herein to expedite prosecution of the case. Applicants maintain that the subject matter of the claims prior to the amendments includes material not taught or suggested by the cited references. Applicants respectfully submit that the above claim amendments find support in the Specification as originally filed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

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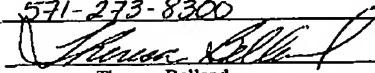


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